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Please join us for lunch

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Can Our Immigration System Be Fixed? If So, How?

Theresa Cardinal Brown

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Immigration has taken center stage in the national discourse and is a key issue for the upcoming elections. Who we admit and how many are hot issues, as is the consequent size and cost of our immigration system. And the impact of immigrants in our labor force is an increasingly contentious debate.

While most everyone agrees our current immigration system is broken, there seems to be little consensus on how to fix it. But are there opportunities for agreement across the political aisle? Where can we move forward on reforms? Theresa Cardinal Brown will discuss these issues and how the daily news and social media overestimate the divisions among Americans on these issues and underestimate the common ground that exists.

Brown is the Bipartisan Policy Center's director of immigration and cross-border policy. Her 20 year career includes serving as director of immigration and border policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She served in the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Under Bush, she was a policy advisor in the office of the commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. She was later director of the Immigration Legislation Task Force in the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Policy.

Brown is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Delaware, with a degree in International Relations and Economics.

We urge you to pre-register for this event!

Time: Sign-in begins: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; **Presentation and Q&A: 12:30 - 1:15pm.**

Price: Student-Members \$10; Student-Non-members \$20; Members \$15; Non-members \$25.

Pre-register & pay online: Go to www.dclera.org.

Walk-ins OK. But please register in advance by emailing your name and affiliation to Jackie Brown at jbrown@teamster.org – and giving her your name and affiliation so we can order enough food.

Venue: The historic **Whittemore House** at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its **Red Line Metro station**.